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1. IT IS OUR READING OF AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY (PC) THAT USG SUPPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO SELECTED NARCOTICS TEAMS WITHIN CANU (8 SIX-MAN TEAMS IN FY74 PROGRAM AND 11 SIX-MAN TEAMS TO BE INCLUDED IN FY75 PROGRAM). IN NO CIRCUMSTANCE DID WE OR WILL WE UNDERTAKE TO SUPPORT CANU AS A WHOLE. PLANNED USG PROGRAM WOULD IN FACT SUPPORT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL CURRENT CANU STRENGTH (67 OFFICERS, 263 MEN, 60 CIVILIANS). SUPPORT AGREEMENTS WITH PC, ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTION CENTER (ASAC), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), AND POLICE COMMISSION ALL FALL INTO SAME PATTERN, I.E., SUPPORT IS GIVEN TO SELECTED UNITS WITHIN THESE AGENCIES THAT DEVOTE FULLTIME TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. WE HAVE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES OF NON-SUPPORTED UNITS IN VARIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS, ASAC, NBI, OR PC EXCEPT IN TERMS OF GENERAL EFFICIENCY AND ADEQUATE LOGISTICAL BACK-UP FOR SUPPORTED UNITS. ALL WE CAN ENSURE IS THAT UNITS WE

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SUPPORT IN PC AND ASAC AND NBI AND NATIONAL POLICE AND

(PROPOSED) CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION DO DEVOTE FULLTIME TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT POSSIBILITY OF CHICANERY NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN ASAC, NBI, NATIONAL POLICE OR PC. ALL NARCOTICS UNITS IN THIS AND MOST OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THIS TYPE OF MANIPULATION.

2. PROPOSAL PARA 5 REFTEL WOULD EFFECTIVELY TORPEDO ENTIRE PHILIPPINE NCAP AND DEA PROGRAM. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE (MANILA A-215), GOP IN PROCESS INTEGRATING CIVIL POLICE INTO A NATIONAL FORCE UNDER AUSPICES OF PC. CONSEQUENTLY, ROLE OF CANU IN NATIONAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN GROWING AND COORDINATION BETWEEN POLICE NARCOTICS UNITS AND CO-LOCATED CANU TEAMS HAS BEEN IMPROVING STEADILY. RECENT EXPERIENCE IN OLONGAPO IS BRIGHT EXAMPLE OF THREE-WAY COOPERATION AMONG NISO (SUBIC), CANU TEAM, AND OLONGAPO POLICE NARCOTICS UNIT. AT OUR REQUEST, COL. FELIX, CO OF CANU, RECENTLY PROMISED NISO AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO AUGMENT CANU STAFF IN OLONGAPO FOR BETTER EFFECTIVENESS. WE ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT IN ANGELES CITY (CLARK AB).
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